

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the title of the invention beginning at page 1, lines 1 with the following rewritten version:

~~METERING APPARATUS, COMBINATION METERING APPARATUS WITH THE~~  
~~METERING APPARATUS, AND METERING METHOD~~ WEIGHING DEVICE,  
COMBINATION WEIGHING DEVICE INCLUDING THE SAME, AND WEIGHING  
METHOD

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 14 with the following rewritten version:

For example, ~~patent document 1~~ Japan Published Patent Application No. 8-29242  
(published February 2, 1996) discloses a combination weighing device which performs  
combination weighing by weighing a plurality of containers which each contain a target  
object, storing the weights, and stocking the plurality of containers.

~~Patent document 1: Japan Published Patent Application No. 8-29242 (published~~  
~~February 2, 1996)~~

Please amend page 1, line 19 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION~~

Please insert the words SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION between lines 1 and 2 of  
page 2.

Please delete the section of the specification titled **DESCRIPTION OF  
REFERENCE NUMERALS** that extends from page 10, line 1 to page 11, line 13.

Please replace the sentence found on page 11, line 14 with the following rewritten version:

~~**BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION**~~ **PREFERRED**  
**EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION**